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1. As of late June 1953 the headquarters of the North Hamgyŏng Province Cooperative Guild Union was near Ch'ŏngjin at EB-675257, in a building facing west at the foot of a mountain. At the rear of the building there was a tunnel which had two entrances. This tunnel contained the offices of the chief of the Union and other staff members, and provided additional office space.

2. The acting chief<sup>1</sup> of the Union was YI Hak-sŏn (2621/1331/0810) [redacted] and a Korean Labor Party member. YI was formerly manager of the North Hamgyŏng Province Industrial Factory. The chief of the Business Section was PAK Ŭl-yong (2613/0044/7893) [redacted]. Unidentified staff members included the chiefs of the Production, Administration, Accounting, Planning, and Materials Sections. About 20 clerks were employed.

3. The Union supervised all privately operated industrial organizations in North Hamgyŏng Province, textile, and steel mills, carpentry shops, and fisheries. The members of the Union were the businessmen who operated the industries. Staff members were chosen by their fellow Union members. The Union handled requests from member firms to use operational funds, purchase raw materials, or sell various types of production.

1. [redacted] Comment. The former chief of the Union was arrested for embezzling public funds in the amount of 800,000 North Korean won.

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